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1. Entrance. Vessels may enter the port at any time. Pilots are not available. Draft is not a limiting factor. There is occasional congestion in the port during the harvest season, November through April.
2. Stevedores. Three gangs are available. Their normal working hours are 0700 - 1500 on weekdays and 0700 - 1100 on Saturdays. All other times, Sundays and holidays are considered overtime.
3. Piers. Vessels cannot berth at the piers. There are four cranes on the pier, one of 15-short ton and three of five-short ton capacity. The largest cubic lift is 20' x 10' x 11'. The freight cars have a maximum weight capacity of 20-short tons.
4. Lighters. Normally there are six lighters in service and one undergoing repair. They are of 35-short ton capacity and measurement capacity is 32' x 16' x 5'. The wooden lighters are gradually being replaced by steel lighters, and as of November 1952, two of the lighters were steel.
5. Warehouses. There are two warehouses. The customs warehouse has 30 thousand cubic feet capacity. A privately owned warehouse has 120 thousand cubic feet capacity. There is almost unlimited patio space, usable in the dry season.
6. Transportation. The highway to Guatemala City is paved and is good in all seasons. There are two trains a day to and from Guatemala City.
7. Services. No fresh water, fuel oil or diesel oil is available. Provisions may be obtained but three days advance notice is required.

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